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1. BENT WERBELL HAS INFORMED NIDA THAT HE WILL NOT REPEAT
NOT BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE BANGKOK CONSULTANCY DISCUSSED
REFS A AND B FOLLOWING HIS WORK IN HONG KONG THIS SUMMER.

2. ONE OF THE URGENT PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED DURING THE
RECENT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BMHD AND OTHER RTG TREATMENT
PERSONNEL WAS A COMPREHENSIVE REFERRAL NETWORK AMONG THE
VARIOUS AGENCIES NOW PROVIDING DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT SER-
VICES IN BANGKOK. SUCH A REFERRAL SYSTEM REQUIRES A
CENTRAL PATIENT TRACKING CAPABILITY BEYOND THAT WHICH
A HONG KONG-TYPE REGISTRY WOULD PROVIDE.

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3. CONSIDERING THE UNAVAILABILITY OF WERBELL AND THE
NEEDS OF THE TREATMENT COMMUNITY IN BANGKOK, WE SUGGEST
THAT THIS PROJECT BE REDIRECTED TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A PATIENT REPORTING AND TRACKING CAPABILITY RATHER THAN A
CENTRAL REGISTRY. AS A FIRST STEP IN THIS DIRECTION, THE
DEPARTMENT COULD ARRANGE TO SEND A NIDA EXPERT IN PATIENT
REPORTING SYSTEMS TO BANGKOK FOR A SHORT (TWO-THREE WEEK)

TDY TO REVIEW ONCB ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA AND TO HELP THE RTG DESIGN A REPORTING SYSTEM APPROPRIATE TO THE NEEDS OF THE TREATMENT COMMUNITY. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SUCH A CONSULTANCY WOULD BE USEFUL.

4. GIVEN THE UNAVAILABILITY OF WERBELL, WE WILL NOT PROCEED WITH AN ALLOTMENT FOR THE LOCAL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS CONTRACTOR (REQUESTED REF C) UNTIL A FINAL DIRECTION FOR THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN DEFINED. VANCE

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